

# Texas Vaccine Providers Webinar Highlights – May 3, 2022

Review the highlights of the topics covered in the May 3<sup>rd</sup> webinar below or view the [full recording](#) for detailed information.

## Establishing Vaccine Confidence

- Clinical practice guidelines are recommendations on how to diagnose and treat a medical condition, meant to help ensure patients receive appropriate treatment and care. Individuals believe vaccines are important but may not be aware of what vaccines are needed or the benefits related to specific vaccines. Clinicians **are the most valued and trusted source of health information**.

## Hepatitis Awareness Month

- The month of May is designated as [Hepatitis Awareness](#) and May 19th is Hepatitis Testing Day.
- Join us on **May 20th, 2022**, for the **Texas Perinatal Hepatitis B Virtual Summit**, covering topics such as strategies for reducing the spread of hepatitis B, recommendations for the management of cases, reviewal of recent ACIP hepatitis B vaccine recommendations, and the new DSHS PHBPP database. Register for the event [here](#).

## COVID-19 VAOS Inventory Requirements

- Beginning May 6, 2022**, the Texas Department of State Health Services will exclude COVID-19 vaccine providers from ordering vaccines **if they have NOT reported their current COVID-19 vaccine inventory by vaccine type to the [Vaccine Allocation Ordering System \(VAOS\)](#)**. Please access the job aid on Physical Inventory in VAOS [here](#) for step-by-step guidance on how to report your COVID-19 vaccine inventory.
- Vaccines for Children (VFC) and Adult Safety Net (ASN) providers will continue to report all DSHS vaccine inventory at the same time within the VAOS inventory module. In addition, COVID-19 vaccine providers are required to report current vaccine inventory when placing a new vaccine order.

## COVID-19 Vaccine Clinical Guidance

- Everyone ages 12 years and older should get a booster when they are eligible. Some people may get a second booster dose. Please click [here](#) for information provided by the CDC that may be helpful when you discuss a second COVID-19 vaccine booster dose with patients.
- The Call Center, Mobile Vaccination Teams, and Mobile Testing Teams are available from **now until MAY 31st, 2022**, to assist with **Vaccine Clinics**. They can offer support for mobile vaccine teams, scheduling clinics, reporting therapeutics, resource distribution, and infusion center. To schedule mobile vaccination assistance, reach out to the **Mobile Vaccination Team: Vaccination Hotline 1(844)90TEXAS (83927) & [VACCINE@SOC.TEXAS.GOV](mailto:VACCINE@SOC.TEXAS.GOV)**

## COVID-19 Vaccine Updates

- Currently, **only** Pfizer COVID-19 vaccine products are authorized for individuals 5-17 years of age. **Pfizer** completed their submission with the FDA for authorization of a booster dose for children 5 -11 years on April 26, 2022. Pfizer is doing an ongoing study in children 6 months – 4 years of age
- Moderna** has also submitted requests with the FDA of its vaccine for authorization for 6 – 11 years and 12 -17 years. The company filed a request with the FDA to authorize its vaccine for children 6 months – 5 years of age on April 27, 2022.

## Provider Resources:

- [COVID-19 Vaccine Management Resources \(training and support materials\)](#)
- [ImmTrac2 User Training Site](#)
- [ImmTrac2 Forms and Documents](#)
- [COVID-19 Vaccine Provider Enrollment Information](#)
- [CDC Clinical Considerations for or Use of mRNA COVID-19 Vaccines](#)
- [EUA Fact Sheet for Janssen Vaccine](#)
- DSHS Provider Help Desk: (833) 832-7068, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday; Email: [COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov](mailto:COVID19VacEnroll@dshs.texas.gov)

## Live Q&A:

**Below are some of the questions DSHS subject matter experts answered during the webinar’s live Q&A sessions.**

- As of now, for COVID-19 vaccine boosters for ages 5-11 years old, are the boosters still on hold or are they approved?
- If a provider has a patient that got both COVID-19 vaccine primary doses for the Pfizer ages 5-11, but are now turning 12 years, do they get the booster dose for the ages 12 and up?
- Can providers continue to use their current stock of the same COVID-19 vaccines, Pfizer and Moderna COVID-19 vaccines, for the second booster doses?
- If our clinic has both adult and pediatric COVID-19 vaccines, will it be two separate reports in VAOS?
- What should providers report for federally and state allocated COVID-19 vaccines?

